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MITFORD AND LAUNDITCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1971

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1971.

The Rural District of Mitford and Launditch situated in mid Norfolk covers 102,371 acres, and comprises 47 parishes. Agriculture is the main industry with associated machinery production.

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area in acres	102,371
Estimated mid year population 1971	17,850
Estimated mid year population 1970	18,630
Rateable value at 1st April, 1971	£405,003
Estimated product of Penny Rate	£3,840

The estimated mid year population for 1971 was 17,850. This is a decrease of 780 over the 1970 population. There were 247 births and 225 deaths, giving a natural increase of 22

The birth rate - 15.3 - is still below the national birth rate. There were 9 deaths under 1 year of age, 6 of which occurred during the first week of life.

There were 16 illegitimate live births compared with 21 in 1970, that is 6% of the live births.

VITAL STATISTICS

	1971	1970	1969	ENGLAND & WALES
Live births	247	262	241	783,165
Live birth rate per 1000 population (adjusted)	15.3	15.7	14.4	16.0
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	6	6	5	8
Still births	3	6	5	9,898
Total still and live births	250	268	246	793,063
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year) .	9	5	3	13,726
Infant mortality rates: Total infant deaths per 1000 live births	36	19	12.45	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births	39	21	13.27	17
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	-	-	-	24
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 live births)	32	11	8.29	12
Early neonatal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 live births)	24	8	8.29	10
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 week per 1000 total births)	36	30	28.45	22
Deaths all ages	225	216	181	567,345
Death rate (adjusted) per 1000 population	10.0	9.2	7.9	11.6

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	-	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	-	1	1
" " Oesophagus	3	2	5
" " Stomach	2	3	5
" " Intestine	6	1	7
" " Lung, Bronchus	6	3	9
" " Breast	-	1	1
" " Uterus	-	2	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	8	17
Other Endocrine Diseases	-	1	1
Mental Disorders	-	1	1
Multiple Sclerosis	2	-	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	2	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	-	3	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	31	19	50
Other forms of Heart Disease	3	14	17
Cerebrovascular Disease	15	21	36
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	5	7
Pneumonia	6	12	18
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	2	6
Asthma	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	4	4
Congenital Anomalies	2	1	3
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	2	2	4
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1	1
Symptoms and ill-defined Conditions	-	2	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	1	5
All other Accidents	-	2	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	1	3
All other External Causes	1	-	1
	<u>106</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>225</u>

There were 9 deaths from lung cancer, that is 19.2% of all cancer deaths were due to lung cancer. 20.9% of all deaths were due to cancer while ischaemic heart disease accounted for 22.2% of all deaths. The following table shows the incidence by age and sex of deaths from ischaemic heart disease.

	45-54	55-64	65-74	Over 75
Male	3	6	11	11
Female	1	1	5	12
Total	4	7	16	23

It will be seen that unlike the picture presented in the big cities, the main age group affected is the over sixty-five years.

There were 23 deaths under the age of 45 years and of these 9 occurred under the age of 1 year. 76.4% of deaths occurred over the age of 65 years and 55.3% of deaths were in the over 75 years age group.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES:

	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Measles	11	22	14	46	152
Food Poisoning	1	1	9	-	4
Scarlet Fever	5	3	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	16	-	-	-	9

IMMUNISATION SCHEMES

Immunisation against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, poliomyelitis, measles, german measles and tuberculosis is offered by the County Council as the responsible Health Authority.

IMMUNISATION SCHEDULES

In 1968 the immunisation schedules were changed. Primary immunisation against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus (Triple Antigen) is commenced in the third or fourth month of life, the second dose is given two months later, and the third dose six months after this. This scheme gives adequate protection so the "Booster" injection of antigen 13 months after the primary course is no longer necessary.

A reinforcing dose of Diphtheria/Tetanus antigen given at the age of 5 years boosts the level of immunity. In the penultimate term a further reinforcing dose of tetanus toxoid is given to school leavers. It is advisable to maintain a high level of personal immunity in an area where agriculture is still an important industry and where people still take pleasure in gardening, particularly in some of the new housing estates, on the site of cottage properties, or land which had been farmed over the years.

Number of children under sixteen years immunised against Diphtheria/Tetanus and Whooping Cough.

Type of vaccine	Course	Birth year						Total
		1971	1970	1969	1968	1964-1967	Others under 16	
Diphtheria, Tetanus & Whooping Cough	Primary	4	147	40	2	2	-	195
	Reinforcing	-	1	5	4	28	4	42
Diphtheria & Tetanus	Primary	-	2	-	-	5	-	7
	Reinforcing	-	1	-	-	165	6	172
Diphtheria	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Reinforcing	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Tetanus	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
	Reinforcing	-	-	-	-	7	66	73

Measles Vaccination:

Birth year	1971	1970	1969	1968	1964-1967	Others under 16	Total
Totals	-	55	48	19	58	4	184

Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

Birth year	1971	1970	1969	1968	1964-1967	Others under 16	Total
Primary	4	106	43	2	5	1	161
Reinforcing	-	3	3	1	210	85	302

Smallpox Vaccination:

Age at date of vaccination	Number vaccinated	Number revaccinated
0 - 3 months	5	-
3 - 6 months	-	-
6 - 9 months	1	-
9 - 12 months	2	-
1 year	37	1
2 - 4 years	22	3
5 - 15 years	7	29
	74	33

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

Number of persons on the register at the end of the following years:-

		1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Male	23	23	23	23	23
	Female	13	12	12	11	14
	Total	36	35	35	34	37
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Male	11	11	11	13	12
	Female	18	18	18	19	21
	Total	29	29	29	32	33
GRAND TOTAL		65	64	64	66	70

B.C.G VACCINATION (against Tuberculosis)

No. of children eligible	53
No. of acceptances	49
No. of children heaf tested	46
No. of tests read	40
No. of tests positive	4
Tuberculin index	5%

RUBELLA VACCINATION: (against German Measles)

<u>Birth Year</u>	<u>No. vaccinated</u>
1957	2
1958	19

HOUSING:

14 Council dwellings were erected during the year and 12 Council dwellings were under construction at the end of the year. 153 private dwellings were completed and occupied and 524 plans were submitted for approval under the Building Regulations 1965.

The Factories Act 1937 and 1948.

Part I.

1. Inspection for purposes of provision as to health.

	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Number of written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 and 5 are to be enforced by the local authority.	10	18	-	-
Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority	52	54	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority	-	-	-	-
Total	62	72	-	-

2.

Cases in which defects were found:-

	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness	4	4		
Overcrowding				
Unreasonable temperature				
Inadequate ventilation				
Ineffective drainage of floor				
Sanitary conveniences				
(a) Insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2		
(c) Not separate for sexes				
Other offences against the Act	1	1		
Total	7	7		

OUTWORK

Nature	No. of out-workers in Aug. list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices	Prosecutions
Making of boxes or other receptacles.	3	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing apparel (making)	3	-	-	-	-	-

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the staff of the Rural District Council and of the Health Office without whose help this report would not have been produced, and also the members of the Public Health Committee and the Council for their patience and continued support.

I have the honour to be

Your Obedient Servant,

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MITFORD AND LAUNDITCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1971.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1971.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Public sewers are available in the built up areas of North Elmham, Litcham, Hockering, Shipdham, Mattishall, East Tuddenham and Yaxham.

It is the policy of the Council to allow householders on the line of any main sewer a reasonable time after it becomes operational to connect to same. After a date decided by the Council, the free weekly nightsoil collection and twice yearly septic tank emptying services are withdrawn. These services have been withdrawn in previous years from North Elmham, Litcham, Hockering and Shipdham, and were discontinued from Mattishall on 31st March, 1970; East Tuddenham on 31st July, 1970, and Yaxham on 30th November, 1970.

Middle Wensum Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme.
(Swanton Morley including Woodgate; Lyng, Elsing
(Mill Street and Fusty Weed); Bawdeswell.)

Ministry approval was received on the 3rd January, 1970 and work commenced on the 1st August. The date for the completion of the contract is the 30th April, 1972, and work was well advanced at the end of the year under review, with only the pumping plant and sewage works requiring completion and commissioning.

Tat Sewerage Scheme
(Bintree, Twyford and Grist)

Instead of a separate scheme for each of the above villages, it was decided to drain them in combination to the Foulsham sewage treatment works situated in the St. Faith's and Aylsham P.D.C.'s. area.

The scheme was submitted to the Ministry early in 1971 and, following approval, work commenced on 1st October, 1971 and is due to be completed by 30th September, 1972.

White Mill Sewerage Scheme
(Beetley, Gressenhall, Wendling and Scarning)

The order of priorities was re-arranged so that this scheme followed that of the Tat. Work on the preparation of this scheme continued during the year under review and test borings were completed in December 1971. The detailed submission to the Department of the Environment was made in October and, following discussions with the Inspector, a revised detailed submission is due to be made early in 1972.

Colkirk and Whissonsett Sewerage Scheme

After discussion with Walsingham R.D.C. it was agreed in principle that the villages of Whissonsett and Colkirk be drained into the Fakenham sewage disposal works, the preparation of the scheme to be undertaken by the consulting engineers employed by the Walsingham R.D.C. in whose area the disposal works are situated.


Scarning Sewer Maintenance

During the winter months the overland section of Scarning Sewer still has to be flushed in an effort to ensure a free flow of drainage.

Every effort is made to persuade householders and owners of properties served by any sewer to connect, and to this end the Council are prepared to give Improvement Grants for the installation of modern amenities, or, alternatively, grants are given for the conversion of pail closets into water closets.

At the end of the year the position with regard to connections was as follows:-

	N. Elmham	Litcham	Hockering	Shipdham
Private properties connected	325	118	65	324
Council properties connected	79	70	60	155
Total properties connected	404	188	125	479
Properties existing when scheme designed (a)	241	211	91	309
Properties for which scheme designed (b)	309	290	109	415
Percentage connected in relation to design	131%	65%	115%	116%
Number which will be connected when all approved private and Council development completed	447	221	166	619
Percentage of design relative to approved development	145%	77%	153%	150%
Applications for closet conversions received during the year	3	-	-	4
Closets converted during the year	3	-	-	7

	<u>Mattishall</u>	<u>Yaxham</u>	<u>East Tuddenham</u>	<u>Scarning</u>
Private properties connected	375	108	29	
Council properties connected	98	41	38	
Total properties connected	473	149	67	
	 689			
Properties existing when scheme designed (a)		543		
Properties for which scheme designed (b)		1287		
Percentage connected in relation to design		54%		
Number which will be connected when all approved private and Council development completed		938		
Percentage of design relative to approved development		73%		
Applications for closet conversions received during the year	2	3	-	-
Closets converted during the year	2	3	-	-

When all the properties for which planning applications have been approved are connected to the sewers, Elmham will be 45% overloaded, Hockering will be 53% overloaded and Shipdham will be 50% overloaded. The extension of the sewage disposal works at these three villages was under consideration during the year and it is anticipated that firm proposals will be made in the ensuing year.

The Middle Wensum Scheme (Stage 1), which will serve Bawdeswell, Elsing (Mill Street), Lyng and Swanton Morley was nearing completion at the end of 1971 and should be completed by March, 1972. In addition, work started on the Tat Scheme, serving Bintree, Twyford and Guist, in October 1971 and is due to be completed in September, 1972. Future schemes in the design stage are the White Mill, covering Beetley, Gressenhall, Wendling and Scarning (which will discharge into the East Dereham U.D.C. sewage works) and the Colkirk/Whissonsett Scheme which will discharge into the Fakenham sewage works. It is anticipated that these schemes should be nearing completion by the end of 1973. The position at the end of 1971 showed a marked improvement on that reported last year.

It has been common practice in the area for many years to allow the construction of septic tanks with the effluent soaking into the land by sub-surface irrigation. In remote positions, where only one property is involved and is situated in extensive grounds, such as an isolated farmhouse, this method may reasonably be adopted if the ground conditions are suitable and the discharge is remote from ditches and water supply. However, where such an installation is constructed in the back garden of modern development, with sub-surface drains connecting with, or laying very close to, a ditch, it is obvious that the highly polluted effluent from the septic tank can cause serious pollution and nuisance problems. It is held by authorities on sewage treatment that this method of disposal should not be permitted as it resembles the construction of a cesspool with an overflow which allows polluting liquor to pass into the surrounding ground.

The method of treatment advocated is that of passing the settled septic tank liquor over a biological filter. After such treatment it is suitable for discharge to a ditch or, if this is not available, to a properly designed sub-surface irrigation area in suitable land. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government's 'Memorandum on Principles of Design of Small Sewage Treatment Works' considers land treatment should only be adopted where the construction of a biological filter is not practicable and where the site of the treatment plant is sufficiently distant from dwellings. Because of the many instances in this district where septic tanks are causing concern, I consider that the general improvement in standards of sewage treatment should be extended to small installations and in future only septic tanks followed by biological filters be allowed for the treatment of domestic drainage.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

From the 1st April, 1969 the South Norfolk and West Norfolk Water Boards became responsible for the supply of water in the various parishes of the Rural District forming part of their respective Water Undertakings - comprising in total approximately two-thirds of the Rural Area. The remaining third of the area was taken over on the 1st April, 1971 by the City of Norwich Water Department; during the interim period the South Norfolk Water Board had acted as agents.

The designated villages for each Water Undertaking are as follows:-

North West Norfolk

Beeston with Bittering, Beetley, Brisley, Colkirk, Gateley, Hoe, Horningtoft, Kempstone, Lexhams, Litcham, Longham, Mileham, North Elmham, Rougham, Stanfield, Swanton Morley, Tittleshall, Weasenham All Saints, Weasenham St. Peter, Wellingham, Whissonsett.

South Norfolk

Cranworth, Fransham, Garvestone, Gt. Dunham, Lt. Dunham, Hardingham, Scarning, Shipdham, Wendling, Whinburgh, Yaxham. Gressenhall is in south Norfolk but is supplied by the North West Norfolk Board.

Norwich

Guist, Twyford, Bintree, Billingham, Foxley, Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Sparham, Elsing, Lyng, North Tuddenham, East Tuddenham, Hockering, Mattishall.

WATER SAMPLES

PUBLIC SUPPLIES

25 bacteriological samples were taken from village water mains in current use and were reported as follows:-

- 24 satisfactory
- 1 unsatisfactory

PRIVATE SUPPLIES

It was not necessary to make any emergency arrangements due to the failure of private wells. During the year, 44 samples were taken, which were classified as follows:-

- | | | |
|-------|---|-------------------|
| Wells | - | 9 satisfactory |
| | - | 23 unsatisfactory |
| | - | 1 suspicious |
| Bores | - | 8 satisfactory |
| | - | 3 unsatisfactory |

CLEANSING SCHEME

The Council operate a fortnightly house refuse collection and a weekly nightsoil collection service. Two free septic tank emptyings per financial year are also available in those localities not served by any Public Sewer. Properties on the line of any Public Sewer which have not connected to same can still, however, receive nightsoil servicing or septic tank emptying on a pre-payment basis.

During the year under review, the vehicle fleet consisted of 3 cesspool emptying machines, 1 being used for nightsoil collection, 1 for emptying septic tanks to private houses and 1 for emptying Council estate works and main sewage disposal units. The nightsoil vehicle which normally operates at night, is also, at times, used during the day to assist on Council owned works.

The incentive bonus scheme referred to in last year's report came into operation on the 1st July 1971 and at the end of the year was working satisfactorily.

The special refuse collection service was maintained during the year on a monthly basis.

During the year it was decided to institute a weekly refuse (bin liner) collection service from the 1st April, 1972.

Dustbins

On the 31st December, 1971 there were 1,280 Council dwellings in occupation, all of which were provided with a dustbin as part of their tenancy agreement. In addition, a hire scheme for private dwellings is available at an annual rental of 30p per bin. During the year under review, 81 were issued making a total of 548.

1,816 septic tanks were emptied in 1971 as against 1,779 in 1970. From 1949 to 1959 cleansing was done by contract, but since the 1st June, 1959 it has been carried out by direct labour. Notwithstanding, the installation of sewers previously referred to, the number of septic tank emptyings showed a slight increase over last year. This is due to planning consents given for properties with septic tank drainage and, if this trend continues, further increases might necessitate additional cesspool emptying facilities.

This is supported by the fact that each year a number of existing properties that are not on the line of any proposed main drainage scheme have septic tanks constructed. This means that these properties, being more isolated, take comparatively longer to service, as the operators spend more time travelling to and from the dwellings and to the tipping sites.

The number of septic tanks emptied each year since cleansing has been operated by direct labour is as follows:-

1959	1,538
1960	1,697
1961	2,005
1962	2,124
1963	2,279
1964	2,054
1965	1,950
1966	1,867
1967	1,878
1968	1,874
1969	1,827
1970	1,779
1971	1,816

Of the 1,816 serviced in the year under review, it is interesting to note that 1,295 emptyings were to private houses and 521 to Council houses, of which 192 servicings took place at Bawdeswell.

1,510 properties receive a weekly nightsoil emptying service and 9,760 dustbins are emptied fortnightly from 5,900 properties.

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Number of complaints investigated	...	69
Number of inspections and re-inspections	...	122
Number of moveable dwellings inspected	...	24
Informal requests to carry out work of repair etc.	...	24
Work completed as a result of above	...	19
Statutory Notices served	...	1
Number of houses considered incapable of being made fit at a reasonable expense	...	8
Demolition Orders made	...	2
Closing Orders made	...	Nil
Undertakings not to relet accepted	...	2

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

Number of houses scheduled in the Council's return to the Ministry in 1955	...	689
Number of houses added since that date	...	204
Revised Total		<u>893</u>
Number of houses removed from programme (Schemes of repair and renovation)	...	88
Number of houses to be dealt with officially	...	<u>805</u>
Number of houses dealt with to 31st December, 1970.	...	664
Number of houses dealt with in 1971	...	<u>8</u>
Total dealt with to 31st December 1971	...	672
Number of houses on programme at 31st December, 1971	...	133

The following is a summary of action taken since the Slum Clearance Report in 1955.

Families rehoused by Council	...	219
Families awaiting rehousing in condemned dwellings	...	56
Families who have found own accommodation	...	72
Elderly families to be left undisturbed	...	15
Vacant at time of official action	...	189
Council dwellings in course of construction at end of year	...	12
Number of houses actually demolished since 1955	...	273
Number of Closing Orders made since 1955	...	91
Number of Undertakings accepted since 1955	...	95

Of the 56 families awaiting rehousing, 8 had applied for Council accommodation while 48 had not.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Preliminary visits and consultation (both schemes)	1971	322
<u>Standard Grants</u>		
Total dwellings for which grant approved to date		723
Owner/occupied dwellings for which grant approved to date		482
Total dwellings for which grant approved in 1971		69
Total dwellings work completed to date		591
Total dwellings work completed to date - owner/occupied		397
Total dwellings work completed in 1971		66
Value of grants approved to date		£159,169.49
Value of grants approved in 1971		£ 20,325.55

<u>Summary of Items</u>							
	Bath	Shower	Basin	Sink	Hot Water	W.C.	Building Bathroom
Proposed	621	-	643	96	648	683	270
Installed	543	-	553	53	560	590	200
	Septic Tank		Bringing in cold water			Food Store	
Proposed	352		154			341	
Installed	291		129			294	

Discretionary Grants

Total dwellings for which grant approved to date	...	423
Owner/occupied dwellings for which grant approved to date	...	140
Total dwellings for which grant approved during 1971	...	54
Total dwellings work completed	...	348
Total dwellings work completed - Owner/occupied	...	107
Total dwellings work completed 1971	...	34
Value of grants approved to date		£161,369.03
Value of grants approved during 1971		£ 47,071.00

IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNCIL HOUSES

These continued during the year and on the 31st December, 1971 the position was as follows:-

Summary of present position

Number of Council houses originally lacking amenities	...	419
Substandard bungalow at Litcham	...	1
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Total number of Council dwellings lacking amenities	...	420
Less Council dwellings sold to tenants	...	11
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		409
2 houses converted into 4 flatlets	...	2
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		411
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Dwellings improved

1964

Sparham	8	
Wendling	8	16

1965

Litcham	23	
North Elmham	14	
Westfield	1	
Cranworth	8	49

1966

Hardingham	4	
Yaxham	10	
Great Dunham	2	
Shipdham	54	70

1967

Hockering	6	
(Mattishall Road)		
Gressenhall	4	10

1968

Elsing	8	
Hockering	12	
(Heath Road)		
Longham	6	26

Brought forward 171

Dwellings improved

1969

North Elmham	8	
(Broom Green)		
Wendling	2	
Lt. Dunham	8	
Gt. Dunham	3	
Mattishall	8	
(Norwich Road)		
Lyng	4	
(2 houses into 4 flatlets)		
	<u> </u>	33

1970

Horningtoft	4	
Mattishall	4	
(Burgh Lane)		
E. Tuddenham	8	
Weasenham St Peter	<u>4</u>	20

1971

Garvestone	12	
Stanfield	6	
Lt. Fransham	6	
Foxley	5	
Gateley	<u>4</u>	33

Schemes in progress

North Tuddenham	<u>8</u>	8
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Schemes in preparation

Billingford	4	
Bawdeswell	14	
Lyng	14	
Swanton Morley	<u>14</u>	46

Total completed and work in progress and preparation ... 311

Properties remaining to be dealt with ... 100

411

On 31st December, 1971, 1,280 Council dwellings were in occupation.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

The permanent licensed residential site at North Elmham is still operating. In addition there are three private caravan sites at East Bilney, Hardingham and Worthing available for Caravan Club members only.

In 1971 there were 39 authorised caravans in the district.

No problems arose during the year in connection with itinerant caravanners carrying out fruit picking.

FOOD PREMISES

Number of food premises in the area	...	144
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Number of food premises registered under
Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

(a) Ice Cream	...	69
(b) Sausages, etc.	...	10

Number of inspections of registered food premises	...	74
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Number of visits to other food premises	...	80
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Only one licence to manufacture ice cream was in force in the area and this was for the manufacture and sale of soft ice cream made from a complete cold mix or a mix which has been pasteurised or sterilised and sold direct from a specially designed freezer shortly after manufacture. There are no producers in the district under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations 1947-1952.

In the year under review only one complaint regarding foodstuffs was received, which was in connection with a bottle of low calorie Jaffa Orange Drink. This was dealt with on an informal basis.

MEAT INSPECTION

In total 739 more animals passed through the four slaughterhouses in this district during 1971 compared with 1970, but this increase was not spread evenly over the different types of animals for, whereas 264 fewer sheep were killed, there was an increase of 94 cattle and 909 pigs slaughtered.

The quality of these animals remained at the high standard one has come to expect in this district and little serious disease was found. The "meat" that was rejected as being unfit was mostly livers affected with parasitic infection and to a lesser extent those having multiple abscesses. The financial loss due to these two conditions remains considerable and the indications are that the incidence of such unfitness is on the increase.

The joint inspections of the slaughterhouses with a veterinary inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food have been continued, but these now include visits to the two registered poultry processing establishments in the area. Such close liaison with a Ministry representative must help to ensure that such premises are maintained at an acceptably high standard of repair.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are two poultry processing establishments in the area, registered under the Slaughter of Poultry Act, 1967, and these still have a combined total annual throughput of approximately 250,000 birds. Time does not permit the regular routine inspection of poultry with existing staff available and the proprietors concerned themselves reject unfit birds.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed and inspected	3,125	2,289	5,621	Nil
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticercosis:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	1	3	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	609	105	568	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis.	19.5	4.6	10.1	Nil
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected with tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

In 1971, 11,035 animals were killed and inspected, an inspection increase over the 1956 figure of 10,348.

Year	ANIMALS KILLED				ANIMALS INSPECTED				
	Cattle	Pigs	Sheep & Lambs	Total	Cattle	Pigs	Sheep & Lambs	Total	Percentage inspected
1956	444	1307	485	2236	227	314	146	687	30.72
1957	550	1431	573	2554	345	739	380	1464	57.32
1958	523	1395	624	2542	395	1037	479	1911	75.18
1959	493	1254	743	2490	493	1223	686	2402	96.47
1960	1877	1630	2540	6047	1873	1618	2528	6020	99.55
1961	2534	2385	2656	7395	2354	2385	2656	7395	100
1962	2619	2717	2882	8218	2619	2717	2882	8218	100
1963	3254	4197	2970	10421	3254	4197	2970	10421	100
1964	2901	4347	3080	10328	2901	4347	3080	10328	100
1965	2600	4737	2561	9898	2600	4737	2561	9898	100
1966	2745	5551	2629	10925	2745	5551	2629	10925	100
1967	2747	4281	2922	9961	2747	4281	2922	9961	100
1968	2674	5314	2906	10894	2647	5314	2906	10894	100
1969	2789	5529	2443	10761	2789	5529	2443	10761	100
1970	3031	4712	2553	10296	3031	4712	2553	10296	100
1971	3125	5621	2289	11035	3125	5621	2289	11035	100

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Details of servicing carried out under the above Act are set out below.

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

1. Number of properties in district
- 2.a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification
- b) Number infested by
 - (i) Rats
 - (ii) Mice
- 3.a) Total number of inspections carried out at properties for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification
- b) Number infested by
 - (i) Rats
 - (ii) Mice

SEWERS

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year?

TYPE OF PROPERTY	
NON AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
5,829	1,237
347	17
305 42	17 -
5,669	567
238 48	4 -
NO	NO

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is a tabulated summary of the work carried out under the above Act during the year.

	Class of premises (1)	Number of premises registered during the year (2)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year (4)
REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS	Offices	2	21	10
	Retail shops	-	23	15
	Wholesale shops, ware houses	-	3	2
	Catering establishments open to the public	-	2	2
	Fuel storage depots	-	4	1
	TOTALS	2	53	30
NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS MADE BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES				- 56

PETROLEUM ACTS

One new licence was issued and 109 renewal licences were made in connection with existing installations.

FACTORIES ACT 1937 - 1948

72 visits were made to factories, and details of these and action taken in respect of these regulations are included at the end of the Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report.

Sewerage and sewage disposal and the cleansing scheme are administered by the Engineer and Surveyor. I would like to express my appreciation to him and members of his staff for the helpful co-operation in making available statistics as set out under these various headings.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE DAVIES

Senior Public Health Inspector.

